HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.9185 of 2007

Dated:27.04.2007

Between:

O.Kanaka Laxmi and another.

…Petitionerss

And:

The Sub-Registrar, Gopalapatnam,
Visakhapatnam, Visakhapatnam
District and another.

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Respondents

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ORDER:

Petitioners state that they are the absolute owners and possessors of land admeasuring 200 square yards situated in Sy.No.62 (D.No.2-121) of Adivivaram Village, Visakhapatnam. It is stated that they intended to sell the said land and in that process, approached the first respondent, to register the same in favour of the intending purchasers. The grievance of the petitioners is that the first respondent is not accepting any document for

registration, on the ground that the Government issued a notification under Section 22-A of the Registration Act, 1908 (for short 'the Act'), in respect of the land in the said Survey Number. This writ petition is filed seeking appropriate directions to the respondents, in this regard.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Government Pleader for Revenue.

Section 22-A of the Act empowered the Government to issue notifications almost preventing the registration of documents in respect of the lands to be mentioned therein. Such a power was held to be *ultra vires* and the provision was struck down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***State of Rajasthan v. Basanth Nahata***[1]**.**

Once the sole basis for the first respondent to refuse registration had disappeared, he is under obligation to receive the documents and consider the same, in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Stamp Act and the Registration Act.

Hence, the Writ Petition is disposed of, directing the first respondent to receive and process the document that may be presented by the petitioners and take necessary steps, in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Stamp Act and the Registration Act. There shall be no

order as to costs.

L.NARASIMHA REDDY, J

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[1] AIR 2005 SC 3401 = (2005) 12 SCC 77